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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS:

5 In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following Response to the Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and its early allowance based upon the following.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 2 of this paper.**